

Egypt Air launches direct flights between Dhaka, Cairo

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Dhaka : With the arrival of Egypt Air's inaugural flight to Dhaka, direct air link between Bangladesh and Egypt became a reality on May 14. The inaugural flight operated by Boeing 787-900 (Dreamliner) carrying 50 passengers landed at Dhaka Airport at 7:00 pm. The flight was welcomed with a water cannon salute on the runway.

The return flight left Dhaka with almost 179 passengers for Cairo at 8:30 pm. State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Md Mahbub Ali attended the ceremony, organised at HSIA to celebrate the inaugural flight of Egypt Air, as the chief guest.



Welcoming the launching of direct flights by Egypt Air, the State Minister said, "This is in true sense a historic moment in the bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Egypt. I am confident that the direct air connection between the two countries will facilitate bilateral tourism, trade, business, and investment.

On the occasion, Captain Ihab Al Tahtaway, Chief Executive Officer of Egypt Air in his speech said, "We are really delighted to come to Bangladesh which we consider

to be a very prospective aviation market. I hope, valued Bangladeshi customers will enjoy our world-class services on board and on the ground."

"Travellers from Bangladesh will have the opportunity to travel to over 80 destinations spread across our network in the Middle East, Europe, US, Africa, and Asia with convenient connections from Cairo."

Initially, the airline is operating two weekly flights every Sunday and Wednesday from Dhaka by modern two-class wide-body Boeing 787-900 aircraft with 279 seats in Economy and 30 seats in Business Class.

Md Mokammel Hossain, Secretary, MoCAT, Air Vice Marshal M Mafidur Rahman, Chairman, Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh, Amr Adawy, Vice President Commercial, Egypt Air, Syed Ali Samy, Chief Executive Officer and Farhad Hossain, COO of ALO Dhaka Aviation, GSA of Egypt Air, were also present, among others, on the occasion.